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Sir:

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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION**

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	5,037,130	Aug. 6, 1991	Okuyama		

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									Eng. Abstract	X
		JP-A-7-246900	9/26/95	Japan						X
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**OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)**

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